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	26.2.89 to 25.2.90	Rs. 52,350.00
	26.2.90 to 25.2.91	Rs. 52,350.00
	26.2.91 to 25.2.92	Rs. 26,175.00

[English]

Control of Floods in Dibrugarh, Assam

4660. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state.

(a) the details of the flood control projects approved by the Union Government for Dibrugarh, Assam during the last three years;

(b) whether any master plan has been prepared to protect Dibrugarh from the fury of the Brahmaputra floods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) One flood control project upstream of Dibrugarh town costing Rs. 10.74 crores has been technically approved for protection of Nagahooli Majon area.

(b) and (c). No Master Plan for protection of Dibrugarh town has been prepared by Brahmaputra Board but their Master Plan of main Brahmaputra river identifies the strengthening of the existing Dibrugarh town protection works.

[Translation]

Mineral Deposits in Forest Areas

4661. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the mineral deposits in the country are located in the forest areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken for exploration of these minerals in the forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) Minerals generally occur in remote and inaccessible areas including forest areas.

• (b) Classification of mineral deposits in forest and non-forest areas has not been done.

(c) Exploration of mineral deposits in both forest and non-forests areas is being carried out systematically.

Setting up of Steel Plants with Foreign Collaboration

4663. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision on setting up of new steel plants in Public Sector;

(b) whether the State Governments have been granted permission to negotiate with foreign companies/NRIs for setting up of steel plants in their respective States;

(c) if so, whether any State Government has entered into any agreement with any foreign company/NRIs in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) Due to resource constraints, it would not be possible to set up new steel plants in Public Sector.

(b) In view of the recent amendments in the licensing requirements, issue of Letter of Intent for setting up steel plants would not be necessary. The State Government can, therefore, formulate their own project proposals for setting up of steel plants. However, their proposals for foreign collaboration and foreign/NRI investment would be considered by the Government of India in accordance with the existing policy.

(c) and (d). According to information received from the Government of Orissa, the State Government has on 1st November, 1991 entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Dr. Swaraj Paul of the Caparo Group to set up an integrated steel plant in Orissa. It has been indicated that the Caparo Group will arrange a financial package i.e. including foreign currency and rupee components. The time for completing the steel plant has not been decided. The State Government has further intimated that though the broad outlines have been incorporated in

the MOU, the details are to be worked out and if necessary, the terms of the MOU will be modified and detailed in agreement in due course.

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

4664. **SHRI SAI PRATHAP ANNAYAGARI:**
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA:

Will the Minister of **WATER RESOURCES** be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to include some irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh especially in Rayalaseema area in the Eighth Five year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details including the estimated cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). In addition to 4 major and 4 medium on-going irrigation projects namely, Srisailem Right Bank Canal, Telugu Ganga, Tungabhadra High Level Canal Stage-II, Pulivendla Branch Canal and Cheyyeru, Vardaraja Swamigudi, Bugavanka and Maddileru respectively, the State Government has proposed to include 4 new schemes in the Eighth Plan. The details of the new schemes are as under: